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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

**MEMORANDUM ENDORSED**

American E Group, LLC

Plaintiff

No. 18-cv-3969-GHW

v.

**Affirmation**

Livewire Ergogenic Inc

Defendant

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LIVER WIRE ERGOGENICS, INC.,

Counterclaim Plaintiff/  
Third-Party Plaintiff,

Against,

AMERICAN E GROUP, LLC,

Counterclaim Defendant,

against-

ELANA HIRSCH A/KIA ELANA MICHELLE  
HIRSCH A/KIA ELANA BARKATS, JS BARKATS PLLCS and SUNNY JOSEPH BARKA TS  
A/KA/  
SANNY JOSEPH BARKATS,

Third-Party Defendants

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**JOSEPH PAUKMAN**, an attorney duly admitted to practice law before the courts of the State of New York and this Federal district Court of the Southern District of New York, hereby affirms the following under penalties of perjury and pursuant to the CPLR and FRCP, that:

1. This affirmation is submitted in support of the Plaintiff's motion to withdraw as counsel due to termination.
2. On August 20, 2019, I received an email stating that I will get disbarred for my conduct in this Court and that certain persons will be testifying against me to Grievance Committee.

3. One of the people testifying may be Plaintiff's counsel who states that if called to testify, he will testify negatively.
4. The accusations of misconduct are untrue and/or exaggerated by Plaintiff's counsel who may have hard feelings against me since 2006 when I left and stopped working in their office in Avenue U, Brooklyn.
5. Plaintiff's conduct, going as far as to email my client that my way of learning about this case is an *embarrassment*, has led to my termination in this case.
6. I confronted Plaintiff's counsel regarding his accusations of wrongdoing but he claimed to no longer remember what I did wrong.
7. I don't claim to be perfect and assuming I have made mistakes, not an assumption I am willing to make, they are in par with mistakes of other counsel.
8. Because of above, I ask to withdraw from this case.

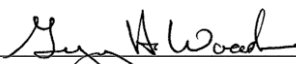
Dated: Brooklyn NY  
August 23, 2019

\_\_\_\_\_/s/Joseph Paukman\_\_\_\_\_  
Joseph Paukman

Application granted. Joseph Paukman is granted leave to withdraw as counsel for JS Barkats PLLC and Sunny Joseph Barkats. For the sake of clarity, the Court's August 23, 2019 order, Dkt. No. 170, applied to the motion to withdraw that Mr. Paukman submitted on August 20, 2019, Dkt. No. 166. The Clerk of Court is directed to remove Joseph Paukman from the list of counsel in this case.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: August 29, 2019  
New York, New York

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GREGORY H. WOODS  
United States District Judge